HOUSE BILL 1216 By Davidson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to certain motor vehicle accidents involving failure to obey traffic signals or stop signs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-101(b), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (3):

(3)

- (A) It is a Class E felony for any driver to fail to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) when the person causes an accident resulting in serious bodily injury to another person as a result of the driver's failure to obey a traffic signal or stop sign; and
- (B) It is a Class D felony for any driver to fail to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) when the person causes an accident resulting in the death of another person as a result of the driver's failure to obey a traffic signal or stop sign.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.